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Have Just Received an immense Stock of
FALL AND WINTER CASSIMERES

Cloths, Vestings, Overcoatings,

And other Piece Goods, which they are prepared to make up to order in the best style, and
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TWO FIRST-CLASS CUTTERS

A Tailor can be found anywhere, are constantly employed, and customers can have

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Filled with the latest styles of goods, which will be sold at

LOWER PRICES THAN EVER BEFORE.

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One stock is large and complete, embracing the latest Novelties.

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SILK & SOFT HATS

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AND IMPROVED CORN STARCH.

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CHAIN PUMP,

The subscriber would respectfully announce to the citizens of Decatur and Macon counties, that he has secured the exclusive right to

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SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25, 1877.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For County Judge,
SAMUEL F. GRIBBLE.
For County Clerk,
GEORGE P. HARDY.
For County Treasurer,
GEORGE M. WOOD.
For Superintendent Schools,
JOHN T. MONTGOMERY.

OFFICIAL figures printed in the Burlington *Hawkeye*, from 94 out of the 99 counties of Iowa, show a plurality for Gear (rep.) for governor, over Irish (dem) of 41,990.

A mass meeting of citizens of Macon county, who favor the adoption of the proposition to be submitted to a vote of the people at the November election, to compromise the court house debt, is to be held at Carlinville on the 29th inst.

The Albany *Journal* thinks the state of feeling among many of the wisest republican representatives, as shown at the recent conference, might to make an impression upon the president and his advisers, and it adds: "If republican leaders owe sympathy and support to the president in all good work, so does the president owe deference to their judgment and counsel. It is very plain that there ought to be mutual confidence and a better understanding."

The new Episcopal diocese of Springfield will include the following parishes: Springfield, Jacksonville, Alton, Cairo, Carlinville, Decatur, Bloomington, Peoria, Lincoln, Albion, Carlyle, Chester, Mound City, Petersburg, Waverly, Carrollton, Collinville, Chesterfield, Beardstown, Litchfield, Bunker Hill, Havana and Centralia.

SENATOR CONKLIN is credited with the statement that the Republicans in the senate will stand together on the question of nominations in the South, and will not confirm any man who has not been identified with the Republican party in the past. Democrats, it is alleged, have been selected, in some States, in preference to Republicans, and these, he declares, the Senate will not confirm.

WASHINGTON dispatches state that Sitting Bull, on rejecting the overtures of the United States at the recent conference, was informed by the Canadian government that he would not hereafter be permitted to cross the border and make war on the Americans, and that if he should attempt such movement he would have English as well as American troops to contend with. No doubt he considered these conditions very hard, as he has heretofore had the privilege of "raising a muss" whenever he wished to do so, with complete immunity from punishment afterward.

HONORS are piling up for Stanley, the African explorer. The King of Italy has presented him, through the Italian geographical society, with a special gold medal, and the Imperial geographical society of Austria, has passed a resolution highly extolling his efforts. Lucky man, this Stanley! If he had not gone to Africa he might still be a reporter on some New York paper at \$15 a week. He has deserved all he gets, and more too.

THE Chicago *Tribune* says:

Rumor in Washington connects Judge C. B. Lawrence, of Chicago, with the English mission.

Let's see, didn't a man of the same name have something to do in fixing up that Louisiana case? And yet, the rule of the administration is that offices shall not be bestowed as rewards for partisan services. But it does seem a little strange that nearly every fellow who backed Hayes in the Cincinnati convention, or helped his cause since the fourth of March, has been taken care of in some way or other.

SPEAKING of the probability that the democrats in congress will force a vote on the president's policy to embarrass the republicans, an exchange says: "The honest way of ending the vexation is the manly way. Let every republican member vote according to his conviction, whether his vote be for the policy or against it." And again: "The difference in the party on this subject is too notorious to be concealed, and the representatives of the party are more strongly bound to respect its feelings and convictions than to consult the convenience of individuals. In a certain sense the result of the vote will be immaterial. It will not impair the unity which the party is bent on maintaining, nor effect in the slightest degree the general position which it is prepared to occupy toward the president."

DEADWOOD FESTIVITIES.

Black Hills Pioneer.

The long, weary journey from Sidney had come to an end; our hero, who had pursued a "bold team" in advance of a freight wagon to visit the land of gold, had arrived, soiled and weather-beaten, in the metropolitan city of Deadwood. The weary march was forgotten and the joy was unconfined. A fervent admirer of the fair sex, he sought the dance-hall, where, "take your partner" is the only introduction needed. When the exciting moment of "gents to the right" rang through the crowded hall, his colossal eyebrows smote the floor like the stamps of a quartz mill. When the welcome sound of "balance to the right" was announced, our pilgrim uttered one long hoop-eo, and shouldering his fair partner absorbed a tumbler-full of burning fluid. "Partners for a quadrille!"—Our hero sprang upon the floor and extemporized a breakdown. "Dog on my melt, I am the tiger of the woods.—Come here, gal, let's have some more坦率 juice!" "All set," shouted the floor manager. "Seize them cat's imonds and let's codfish around!" In the excitement of call hands round, the heavy-weight unfortunately collided with our pilgrim, and explanations were of no avail. "I am bad," shouted our hero, "let me at him, let me claw his mane; I'm a coyote. Let go my harness; I'm a yellow-tailed wolf, let me pick his eyes out; I'm a wooly horse, hard to carry, hoop-eo, I'm an elephant; I'm—" just then he trod on a favored ear of a huffy henchman, who panted our hero one between the eyes which seared him violently upon the floor. As he arose, blowing the ruby fluid from his nasal promontory, he reiterated, "I'm an elephant, but my sides tore."

ENDORsing TREASON.

Montgomery Herald.

Dr. Reed, the leader of the greenbackers at Cerni Gordo, has got to such a pitch that he can endorse traitors.—When a man arrives to that condition, he is undoubtedly as good a demoralizer as democrats could hope for. His remark last week, that he would rather vote for Jeff Davis, Robt. Toombs, and men of their ilk, than for Gen. Grant and men of his ilk, shows conclusively where he stands. When a man can get up before his fellow citizens and denounce a general who brought the rebellion to a triumphant issue, and rate him lower than such arch traitors as Jeff Davis and Robt. Toombs surely he must be lost to all sense of shame. If this is what so called greenback doctrines lead to the republican greenbackers of Cerni Gordo and other townships will do well to give the course they are taking some thought. When an ox rebel and traitor, like Jeff Davis, the man who above all others was responsible for the horrors and calamities at Andersonville, Libby and other rebel prison camps, is honored in this country, it is time that greenbackers should consider where they are being led to. No one can deny that there is and should be a balance of opinion on the currency question, but the man who endorses Jeff Davis and Robt. Toombs above General Grant, is not fit for a leader in this country.

FEELING OF SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICANS.

Charleston Correspondent, National Republican.

Republicans here have naturally very little hope of justice at the hands of a democratic house for these republican members. They feel that they have been deserted and betrayed by the national party. They have seen Hampton installed in an office to which he was not elected; they have seen Butler, the hero of Hamburg, become a potent counselor to a republican administration; they see a republican senator from South Carolina hastening to say that he will vote to seat that hero beside him in the senate, they see a United States district attorney appointed to please Hampton, under a pledge that the Elenton and Hamburg冥信者 shall go free; they see a republican president introducing the leader of the gun boat campaign of last year, as "that great and good man, Wade Hampton." Seeing all this can they be blamed if they conclude that the tender mercies of the democratic house are likely to be no less cruel?

The Race is Over, Now to Business.

If congress ever gets seated, and the horses stop running, we may in due time expect the passage of the appropriation bills. But these contests are pull-backs, and pull-backs are always in the way of getting seated.—Louisville Commercial.

ONLY.

Only a baby,
Kissed and caressed,
Gently held to mother's breast.
Only a child,
Toddling alone,
Brightening now its happy home.
Only a boy;
Trudging to school,
Governed now by sterner rule.
Only a youth,
Living in dreams;
Full of promise now life seems.
Only a man,
Battling with life,
Shared in now by a loving wife.
Only a father,
Burdened with care,
Silver threads in dark-brown hair.
Only a graybeard,
Toddling again,
Growing old and full of pain.
Only a mound,
Overgrown with grass,
Dreams unrealized—rest at last.

THE Troy Times tells the following good story, showing how the politicians manage in the ward meetings:

It was customary for caucuses to choose a committee of five, who were authorized to select three men, and they were to name the candidate. Mr. Barrows was nominated chairman, and he called the caucus to order. When the business of designating five men was presented, there was more or less confusion, but we append a brief report of that part of the proceedings.

Mr. McCall—Mr. Chairman, I nominate Thomas Randall as a member of the Committee.

Mr. Barrows—It is moved and seconded that Leonard Marble be a member of the Committee. All in favor of the motion will signify by saying ay. Opposed, by the contrary sign. It seems to be carried.

Mr. McCall (in a loud tone)—Mr. Chairman, I nominate Thomas Randall as a member of this Committee.

Mr. Barrows—It is moved and seconded that Frank Wilbur be a member of this Committee. All in favor of the motion will signify by saying ay. Opposed, by the contrary sign. It seems to be carried.

Mr. McCall (Jumping up excitedly and screaming)—Mr. Chairman! I nominate Thomas Randall for a member of this Committee!

Mr. Barrows—It is moved and seconded that James Shadel be a member of this Committee. All in favor of the motion will signify by saying ay. Opposed, by the contrary sign. It seems to be carried.

Having secured a majority of the Committee, the Chairman then turned in the direction of Mr. McCall and inquired:

"Didn't I understand you to make a motion, Mr. McCall?"

Practically Out of the World.

Duluth Minnesotan.

Some half dozen Sentebalan passed through here last week, on their way from McKenzie's River, which is 1,300 miles to the northwest from Duluth, and which runs into the Arctic Ocean. They went to that barren country some ten years ago, from the islands to the north of Scotland, by ship, direct to Hudson's Bay, and until they got to Fisher's landing on the St. Paul and Pacific railroad, on their return, they had never seen a railroad. They knew nothing about the Franco-Prussian war, in fact they had been practically out of the world.

The Bunker Hill Failure.

The failure of the Bunker Hill Bank has caused much excitement in that city. The failure was caused by the officers operating in wheat speculations in Chicago, where, of course, they got taken in and done for, the usual fate of rural speculators on change. The failure is for \$60,000, and the assets are placed at \$75,000. It is said the stockholders will stand between the depositors and any loss, but this is the usual statement. We understand that certificates of deposit were offered yesterday, on the streets in Bunker Hill, for fifty cents on the dollar. J. A. Beach, the cashier of the bank, has assigned his property for the benefit of the creditors.

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Good Sign.

It's a good sign that the democratic papers are distressed by the apprehension that there is not likely to be any rupture between the president and his political friends, after all. Their alarm at such prospect would be painful indeed, if they were not so indolent.—Tribute.

Washington Dispatch.

DR. BLISS left the city last night for Chicago, where he will remain over one day, and then return directly to Washington. In a conversation with the editor of the Journal last evening in relation to his patient, Senator Morton, he said the senator was much weaker than he was six weeks ago when he left him at Richmond, that he had lost about forty pounds of flesh in that time; that the main efforts of his physicians are now directed to nutrition; that if the senator could take food and stimulants and obtain a healthy action of his stomach, he could get up, but that he could not recover the use of his paralyzed limbs; that was impossible. His physicians were very much encouraged with their success yesterday in getting him to take nourishment, and with the marked improvement it had made in his constitution. Dr. Bliss talked very hopefully, and said everything was being done by Dr. Thompson and his family and efficient nurses that human skill and ingenuity could devise.—Ind. Journal.

FRANK LESLIE drew out from his business \$75,000 yearly for his personal expenses. His books were found to be in great confusion, and no one wonders that he failed. His business is to go on under his supervision, and he is to be allowed twenty percent of the profits as a salary, the balance to be distributed quarterly among the creditors.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

WASHINGTON.

RUMORS OF AN ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT THE CABINET.

What Hayes Says About It.

GRANT IN PARIS.

A RICH OIL WELL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26.—A secret movement has been on foot here for some days, looking to a disruption of the cabinet, under the auspices of certain prominent republicans, senators and members, to force out Schurz and Key. It is said that the president has already been approached on the subject, it being intimated that some action of this sort would enable him to free himself from the political embarrassments into which he had been drawn, and bring him into accord with those who are now inimical to his interests. The parties engaged in this matter have assumed some of the president's intimate friends that such a course would be attended with satisfactory results. It is understood that the president will not listen to the most indirect allusion to such a solution of the pending differences. He is determined to stand or fall upon the wisdom of his own choice of his constitutional advisers.

In the cabinet to-day no mention was made whatever of the English mission, the position the government has always maintained with respect to that important position, not having changed, and being fully understood.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26.—A serious obstruction to trains on the Wabash road was caused by an accident here at midnight last night. In running an eastern bound freight train on to the side track the switch failed to throw the rails far enough and the engine jumped the track and went into the ditch with one or two cars completely blocking the track. The night passenger trains could not pass the wreck, but had to transfer baggage and passengers, delaying them from five to eight hours. Ten freight trains had also crowded in on side tracks before the obstruction was removed by building a track around the engine.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—Gen. Grant to-day received the visits of a large number of Americans and well-known Frenchmen, including Leon Say, President MacMahon, when receiving Gen. Grant yesterday, said he was much gratified to make the acquaintance of so illustrious a soldier, and offered to open all the military establishments to his inspection and to furnish means of knowing everything concerning military affairs. Gen. Grant accepted the offer with thanks.

PEORIA, ILL., Oct. 26.—While picking corn on Bradley's farm near the city limits, the farm hands found the body of a dead man, with a revolver lying by his side and a bullet hole through one hand, but no evidence of having killed himself. He had apparently been dead three or four weeks.

DAYTON, O., Oct. 26.—The killing of Wesley Geyer, Wednesday night at Palestine, near Greenville, forty miles from Dayton, has occasioned much excitement in that neighborhood. The murderer was born a bad reputation, and been charged with horse stealing. He was warned to leave the town, and not complying a gang of masked men called him from his house Wednesday night and riddled him with shot in front of his own doorway. Geyer had lived in Palestine twenty years, owned property there, and leaves a wife and seven children. No action has been taken by the authorities to discover the assassins, and it is not known whether they were vigilance committee or a gang of desperadoes.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Oct. 26.—Great excitement was occasioned at Edensburg, Clarion county, Pa., to-day, by the striking of a four hundred barrel oil well on the wood farm near Stanbury. The territory is new, and the present is the largest strike ever made there. The well is owned by C. Van Vleck. The strike has had no sensible effect on the price of oil here as yet, but development is being carried forward so rapidly that low prices, or a temporary suspension of well-boring, will be the result in a short time.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 26.—The Southern Penitentiary Commissioners to-day awarded the contract for the erection of the prison at Chester to Boles & Nelson, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, for \$85,000 net, and to the Joliet Penitentiary for cut stone for the 200 cells for \$4,000. The contracts are being drawn up to-day, and the work of building will be at once entered upon.

The contractor agrees to employ prison labor at sixty-five cents a day in the erection of the prison, and will at once build a two-story building, graded 40 feet wide, in which to temporarily accommodate 200 convict laborers by Christmas. The building to be utilized afterwards as a workshop.

The consultations among republicans since the opening of the session, and the clear indications which have been afforded the president, have already produced a marked effect. The latter has caused it to be understood that he is especially anxious to confer with those republicans who are dissatisfied from any cause, and several of them have talked freely with him during the past week in regard to the differences which exist in the party concerning certain features of his policy. The results of these interviews have been such as to strengthen the feeling among prominent members of the house and senate, that the party can be held solidly together, and that the main causes of differences with the president can soon be adjusted so as to secure harmonious action.

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London, Oct. 26.—A correspondent gives the following account of Russian operations, derived from a Russian officer just returned from Pleven. No convoy has entered Pleven since General Gourko took command of the cavalry. Investigation is now complete. The imperial guards, as they arrived, took up positions on the Russian left, thus gradually prolonging the investment. Across the Lavrat road to the Sofia road, the investment is by infantry, entered from Roumania. The position on the northeast of Pleven to the Sofia road, on the west circle is completed by Gen. Gourko's cavalry, which can cut off all supplies, but the Russians are every day receiving reinforcements, and there is every appearance that they intend to surround Pleven by a series of works as the Germans did Paris. The Russians will soon have troops enough to complete the infantry investment. The correspondent thinks there is every reason to believe Pleven is not destined sufficiently to stand a siege until spring, and appearances are that Osman Pasha will attempt to fight his way out. The correspondent concludes: I must say, now, the question of the second campaign is resolved faced, and the prospect looks more hopeful for the Russians than at any time since General Krudener's defeat in July.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 26.—Gen. Forrest is still in a critical condition, and has been reduced by chronic diarrhea until he scarcely weighs one hundred pounds.

A shocking accident occurred at the Jackson, Tenn., fair yesterday. During a horse race two young ladies attempted to cross the track in front of the horses, and one of them, Miss Anna Schurlock, was struck by one of the horses and probably fatally injured. The horse fell and threw the rider, Johnnie Johnson, severely injuring him. Another horse, becoming entangled in the mire, threw his rider, Young Madison, fatally injuring him.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The bank of New Caledonia has failed; note circulation, £500,000 francs; European debts, 2,000,000. The supposition prevails that since the rains, the Russians having become convinced of the impossibility of wintering in Bulgaria, will make a desperate effort to reduce Pleven and defeat Soliman Pasha immediately, before their retirement into Roumania, before negotiations necessary for a new loan of £5,000,000, the interest to be secured at 25,000,000, the interest to be secured at 25,000,000.

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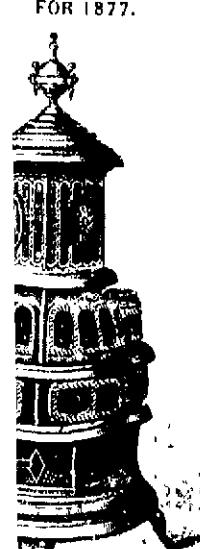
Broken Candy 20 cents a pound at Woods. [Oct. 12-12w]

Pains in Back, Head, Heart, Lungs, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lameness, Sciatica, Rheumatic Gout, Hernia and Kidney Diseases, positively cured by Dr. FULTON'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY, Kidney Cordial and Vegetable Liver Pills. A Physician's specialty 43 years. Never fails when taken as directed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ANNOUNCE W. R. ELDRIDGE as a candidate for County Judge.

WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ANNOUNCE W. John Timon, of Pleasant View, as a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools.

WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ANNOUNCE W. Henry W. Wagner as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk.

WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ANNOUNCE W. William M. Hovey as a candidate for county treasurer.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

The Best working pants in America at \$1.25 an immense bargain—at B. STRINE's, the Clothier.

Oct. 23—d&wtf

BICKERT & BULLARD have got the "best" five cent cigar in the city.

Don't fail to take a look at those new styles of carpet goods at Abel & Lockett's.

Put a splendid set of jewelry, at a reasonable price, call on J. L. Kueper, on Merchant street.

J. T. HUNTER, at Brown & Wykoff's old stand, has a full line of choice perambulators.

Don't fail to read Dennis & Morgan's new advertisement in to-day's paper. They sell the "Invincible."

We venture to predict that turkey will get a tremendous dressing about Thanksgiving time.

In a few weeks wild geese will become carpet baggers in the South. Wonder if Hayes and the Democrats will suppress them?

KIEDEMYER, near the mound, sells groceries as cheap as the cheapest.

A fresh supply of choice potatoes and other vegetables, at Newell & Hamner's.

Let every Republican in the county be found at the polls on the sixth day of November, and our ticket will be elected by a handsome majority.

If you have no cold victuals for the poor hungry tramp, don't send him away without anything. Give him your mother's receipt for making oyster dressing.

We learn that a heavy rain fell last evening at Elwin, and for some distance south of there.

Revolving superior to mud and all other hindrances, people from the rural districts made themselves quite plenty in town to day.

An exchange says: "It doesn't always pay to sue a slow debtor. The costs often more than equal the debt, and then, if not collected, the last state of that creditor is worse than the first."

The remark of a contemporary that many of our successful lawyers commenced life as preachers, is gracefully corrected by one of the legal gentlemen referred to, who begs leave to state that he began life as an infant.

Any tinsmith will tell you that two joints of six-inch stove pipe of exactly the same size must and can and shall fit into each other without the least trouble.

H. Poser has all kinds of time-pieces and the finest stock of jewelry in central Illinois.

LEHMAN & BERRY receive fresh goods daily, consisting of nuts, candies, domestic and tropical fruits, and they always have on hand the best of smoking and chewing tobacco and cigars.

For new or second hand stoves, or furniture, call on Bishop & Stoy; or if you want to exchange old for new this is the place to do it.

Leaves are nice, beautiful things—out doors, but, when allowed to accumulate on the sidewalks, become a nuisance. There is nothing personal about this, but it means you.

We call attention to a notice which appears in another place of services at the Universalist Church to-morrow, the regular hours. Rev. Mr. Hebbard, a former pastor of the congregation, will officiate. Mr. H. is said to be a speaker of ability, and his old friends will be glad to meet him. Sunday school before the morning service, under the direction of D. L. Bunn, Esq., superintendent.

One good word is due tobacco. An Ohio couple quarreled, and in the heat of the moment the man packed his carpet bag and left her forever. A short distance from the house he discovered that he had forgotten his tobacco box. To go back for it was but the work of a moment. Then, having filled his mouth with the weed, he looked upon his wife with molten eyes, and in another moment both were protesting that they had only been in fun, anyhow.

Mass Meeting.—The Reform Club will hold a grand mass meeting at the court house this evening, at which several short spirited speeches will be made, interspersed with lively singing. All are invited, and a rousing meeting may be expected.

Among the Best Traveling.—Mrs. F. S. Chapman, with C. W. Taylour's New York Co., is to play here on the 15th and 16th of next month. Miss Rose Wood, who has made such a hit in Bloomington and Peoria this week, is also to appear here one night next month—besides a number of other first-class troupe, among them Barlow, Wilson, Primrose & West's Minstrels, (formerly Haverly's great minstrel troupe.)

Remember, I have the largest stock of goods in my line in Decatur, consisting of watches, clocks, ladies' and gent's gold and plated chains, ladies' fine cameo sets and rings, all grades cuff, wash, vest and lace pins; an elegant stock of solid and silver-plated ware, and a full stock of everything in my line of trade. Call and see them and get my prices before buying. Oct. 26—d&wtf OERO E. CUTTER.

Hon. A. Brown Bunn delivered one of his strong and convincing speeches on temperance last week at the Christian church, this city. The large audience room of that edifice was full to overflowing. —Shelbyville Union.

Joshua Baker, at his fruit stand on Water street, sells the finest California pears. We know, for we've tried them.

THE LOWDERMILK CASE.

The sudden and mysterious disappearance of Dr. Lowdermilk, of Oakley, on Sunday night last, has been since that time the subject of thought and conjecture among the people of the county. From the first announcement of his disappearance there have been those who have believed that his taking off was voluntary, and that he was still an inhabitant of earth. Some who held this view boldly asserted it on the first morning after the event, and though at first there were but few who took this view of the case, the opinion has gained ground steadily, both here, and at Oakley, until now it may be said that the idea of a voluntary taking away is the prevailing and generally received theory of the case. It is now known that sometime before the doctor left he mentioned to several persons in this city and elsewhere, the fact that he thought the men who he claimed were in the community seeking his life, would put him out of the way, and to one man, a prominent citizen of Decatur, he said that if they killed him they would put his body where it could never be found, and it would be of no use for his friends to hunt for him. The opinion is that these remarks were made to prepare the minds of people to take in the theory of assassination whenever he should disappear.

All that has been said about men having been seen in this vicinity whom Dr. Lowdermilk claimed to recognize as the men who were on his track for purposes of vengeance, is fresh in the minds of the people and need not be rehearsed. Suffice it to say that within the last three days some facts have come to light which go to confirm those who are cognizant of these facts in the theory that Dr. Lowdermilk knows where he is himself, and is perhaps wondering what kind of a sensation his disappearance has produced in Macon county. Some of these facts we will give, and leave community to draw its own inferences.

First and second weeks, commencing Dec. 3.—Jacob Swarts, John Huffman, W. A. Thrift and Isaac Fessler, Friends Creek; Wm. Russell, Milam; J. F. Peck, Harrington; J. H. Berman, G. W. Drewry and S. Disney, Hickory Point; M. J. Francis and P. J. Casper, Oakley; George Sheldon, South Macon; Peter Ground, Mt. Zion; W. C. Warnick, Harrington; Jerome Culp and George F. Donner, Illinoian; John A. Shaffer, Blue Mound; John Myers, Pleasant View; Harden Burgess, and Jacob Hineshaw, Whitmore; John Deumn, Wm. Lyons and Theo. Dean; Marion; Thomas Clark, Long Creek; Lee Brewington, Austin; David Myers, Long Creek; Charles Hirsch, Whitmore; Geo. Higgs, Long Creek; Sanford Kirby and Andrew Moothart, Whitmore.

Third and fourth weeks, commencing Dec. 17th.—Joseph M. Dawson, Wheatfield; E. T. Ogden and Geo. Eckhart, Blue Mound; H. L. Crossman, L. H. Bishop; J. P. Campbell, W. K. Immon, J. R. Block and W. R. Crossman, Hickory; W. F. Dennis, Long Creek; Charles Comeau, Niantic; Frank Hector, Mt. Zion; Patrick Hogan, do; R. A. Kilc, Friends Creek; W. H. Rosenthaler, do; Adam Dickenson and Lewis Cooper, Milam; John Mellion and Casper Reiner, Pleasant View; Newton Newby, Marion; David Silverling, Pleasant View; George Taylor, Marion; Isaac Good, Oakley; S. M. Lukens, Marion; Daniel Scott, Whitmore; John A. Dean, Long Creek; Samuel McConnell, Whitmore; T. W. Sites, Marion; John Hoover, Marion.

Fifth and sixth weeks, commencing Dec. 31st.—Wm. Comb, James Bromley and Arthur McMickle, Milam; Madison Turner and Wesley Davenport, Mt. Zion; P. T. Chatterlain, J. C. A. Ford, G. F. Williamson, Joel Morrison and James M. Lawrence, Harrington; James Taylor, John Garrett and Lewis Kerwood, Austin; David Allison and James Hoipson, South Macon; Aaron Gray, L. G. Griffith and W. W. Day, Pleasant View; W. F. French, Illinoian; Leonard Blackenstaff, Oakley; N. Dudley, Henry Flood and Samuel Cooper, Hickory Point; John Thompson; J. M. Lyons, Edou Thayer, Mark Tozer and George Hull; Marion; David Magow, Whitmore; D. F. Hinckley and Joseph A. Blythe, Long Creek; Geo. McGuire, Marion.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Will Newell, superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph office in this city, returned with his family from Missouri yesterday, where they have been visiting friends.

Rev. D. P. Dunn returned yesterday from Chicago, where he has been attending the general convention of the Universalist Church, and left at noon for Chicago, where he will preach to-morrow.

Mr. J. R. Race has returned from the past, where he purchased clothing enough to warm the back of every man and boy in Macon county.

Mr. Geo. C. Davis, of Long Creek, is as happy as king. His tenth heir arrived on Wednesday of this week, and an interesting feature of the case is that it is a boy. The eldest child is of the same persuasion, while the eight intervening ones belong to the other side of the house.

Mr. J. G. Barnes, of Wellington, Sumner county, Kansas, is in the city. He seems delighted with his new home, and does not regret having left Macon county, good as it is.

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